(3) District Cancer Control Programme with focus on prevention, early detection etc. providing financial assistance to the nodal agency (RCC/ well developed Oncology Wings in Medical Colleges) of starting DCCP in identified districts in the country in phased manner; (4) NGO Scheme for involvement of NGOs for creation of cancer awareness, early diagnosis, prevention etc. through the RCCs/Government Medical Colleges and (5) New components of IEC and Research activities at Central level.

Cure for Psoriasis

1884. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that recently two dermatologist of Jaipur have been able to identify proper drug/medicine for permanent cure of Psoriasis which was not possible till date; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to make the drug/medicine available to public to get rid of the disease permanently?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) As per information provided by the Indian Council of Medical Research, a news item published in "The Hindu" pertains to the claim by two dermatologists from Jaipur having treated patients of psoriasis by antibiotic drugs such as penicillin and azithromycin. The dermatologists have claimed permanent cure for psoriasis by this treatment, for which only suppressive therapy is available so far. Large-scale clinical trials would be required to validate their claim using these routine antibiotics used in clinical practice.

Veterinary medicines for patients in Safdarjung Hospital

† 1885. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the antibacterial drugs used before operation of patients in Safdarjung hospital has been found to be the one used for veterinary purpose instead;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the officers in the hospital are

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

playing with the lives of the patients by purchasing inferior quality drugs or spurious drugs;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any step to prevent recurrency of such incidents in future and to penalize the guilty; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) The antiseptic vertinary 5% Providone Iodine IP solution, meant for local application, was received in Safdarjang Hospital along with the efficacy certificate from Government approved laboratory. The solution is used for human as well as veterinary use as there is no difference in the quality and strength.

As a statuary provisions, the label for use of human as well as veterinary should be indicated clearly on the bottle. As soon as this came to the notice of the hospital authority, the consignment has been sent back to the supplier, the entire cost recovered and the State drug Control Authority, Drug Controller (General) India have been informed. An enquiry has also been conducted by the hospital, in this matter and concerned staff have been shifted from the store.

(c) and (d) The existing system of inspection has been stregthened at all levels and the concerned persons have been advised to be careful in future in order to avoid such recurrence.

Programmes to control aids

1886. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
PROF. P.J. KURIEN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to not getting hopeful result in bringing HIV/AIDS under control during the last many years in the country is among top such countries of the world where the number of deaths as well as the number of affected people is maximum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of programme being chalked out to bring this situation under control in the coming years?